

Section 3

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Filing. [old 3.1]

Subject to Paragraph 3-4 below, participants approved to participate in the Program may submit offers to provide the transportation services covered by this HTOS.

Time Of Filing. [old 3.2]

Except for newly approved participants, offers may be filed only during the period designated in the filing instructions for the filing of offers. Newly approved participants may file offers during the first open filing period, as set out in the filing instructions, after their approval.

Filing Restrictions. [old 3.3]

Approved Participants. [old 3.3.1]

The filing of offers is restricted to an approved participant in the Centralized Household Goods Traffic Management Program.

Scope of Operation. [old 3.3.2]

The filing of offers is restricted to an approved participant's scope of operation.

Acceptance/Rejection Of Offers. [old 3.4]

Offers submitted shall be accepted/rejected in accordance with such terms and conditions as the PMO deems necessary to assure maintenance of service, fair and reasonable pricing, and free and open competition. Offers outside the participants approved scope of operations will be rejected.

Issuance of Special Offers. [old 3.5]

Participants may issue a special rate tender for first proviso household goods shipments for the use of a cost-reimbursable contractor of the United States Government. The terms of the rate tender must be such as to preclude use of that rate tender by the contracting Federal agency. For example, a participant may issue a rate tender for "Department of Energy's Cost-Reimbursable Contractors", but not for "the Department of Energy and its cost-reimbursable contractors". The rates and charges offered in such rate tenders must be equal to or better than those set out in any rate tender accepted and otherwise available to Federal agencies.

Filing Instructions. [old 3.6]

General.

Instructions for the filing of offers, Request for Offers (RFO), will be issued by the PMO on an annual basis, unless changes in the program or other factors require the issuance of instructions on a different basis. Except as provided below, all terms, conditions, and instructions will be set out in the RFO.

Geographic Coverage. [old 3.6.1.2]

Domestic. [old 3.6.1.2.1]

The geographic areas included in domestic offers are defined in Section 14. Offers for service within Alaska or between Alaska and all other points defined as domestic will include only those points identified in the RFO. Offers for all other domestic service must be for all points within the defined service areas for interstate and for the full state for intrastate.

International. [old 3.6.1.2.3]

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45 The geographic areas included in international offers are defined in Section 14. Offers for all international service may be
46 between international areas or between international and domestic areas. In any case, offers for international service must
47 be for all points within the defined service areas and/or countries.

48 **Supplements. [old 3.6.1.6.2]**

49 Supplements to an initially accepted offer must be submitted in accordance with the RFO. If supplements do not conform to
50 the requirements of the RFO, they will be rejected.

51 **Liability for error. [old 3.6.1.9.2]**

52 GSA is not liable for any error in the formatting or content of a participant's offer. In the event of differences between a
53 participant's submitted offer and its accepted offers as set out in the ITMS, the accepted offer as set out in ITMS will take
54 precedence.